

Remarks


Reconsideration and allowance of this application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

Applicants acknowledge with gratitude the allowance of claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7-10 and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 13-15 and 19. Accordingly, the claims have been amended as follows solely to expedite allowance of the application. Claims 13 and 19 have been rewritten in independent form. Claim 16 has been amended to depend from claim 13. Claims 18 and 20 have been amended to depend from claim 19. Claims 11, 12, and 17 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. (Claims 3 and 6 had been previously canceled.) Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-10, 13-16, and 18-20 are now pending in the application. Claims 1, 13, and 19 are independent. Entry of each of the amendments is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, this application is now in condition for allowance. If the examiner believes that an interview might expedite prosecution, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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